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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir :

In response to the Official Action of November 15, 2007, to which a three-month shortened statutory period for response has been extended one month by payment of extension of time fees to expire on March 17, 2008 (March 15, 2008 being a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on *page 2 of this paper.*

Remarks begin on *page 7 of this paper.*